



# Newsletter

Dec. 2022 - Jan. 2023

## Update from Interim CAO

### Highlights for this reporting period from CAO, Edith Moore

- Hired Member Services Coordinator
- 2021/2022 Draft Audit Completed
- December 13, 2022 – hosted a successful AGM for 2021/22 and 2021/22 Audit Approved
- Draft Financial Policy Budget Development
- Strategic Planning Session with Executive Team
- Onboard meeting with new K'omoks Chief and Council
- Financial Policy Development
- Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session
- Review of BOD Policy and Bylaws
- Cultural Protocol Policy Development



## Member Services Highlights

### TSU Member Engagement Kick-off

The TSU held an engagement kick-off earlier this month for member Nations to come together to re-connect, review progress and kick-off an engagement process that will inform TSU infrastructure and housing activities for 2023-24. This event had 10 attendees from the member Nations. The TSU will be following up with each community to incorporate into the 2023/24 TSU work-plan. Contact: [ericb@nautsamawt.com](mailto:ericb@nautsamawt.com)

### Community Food Network

The CFN is hosted each month by our Food Security Advisor, Seanna Johnston. The last meeting Kanaka Bar Band attended as a guest speaker to discuss how they're working towards achieving 30% self-sufficiency in their food by 2025. The CFN meetings are held each month on zoom to share information and resources, and the group will be going on two field trips this year. One of the field trips will be to The Living Breath of wəłəbʔaltxʷ Indigenous Foods Symposium May 5-6th at University of Washington. Please reach out to Seanna if you would like to be apart of the Community Food Network! Contact: [seannaj@nautsamawt.com](mailto:seannaj@nautsamawt.com)

## Calendar of Events

### Fruit Tree Care Workshops

- Fruit Tree Care Session 1: A year in the life of a fruit tree – **February 2nd**, online
- Fruit Tree Care Session 2: Dormant Pruning – **February 16th**, in-person at Malahat Community Garden
- Fruit Tree Care Session 3: Pests, Diseases & Orchard Maintenance – March, online

Contact: [seannaj@nautsamawt.com](mailto:seannaj@nautsamawt.com)

### CAO Working Group

Resource and information sharing between CAO and Band Administrators. Next Meeting: **February 13 at 130 PM**

Contact: [mikaelaw@nautsamawt.com](mailto:mikaelaw@nautsamawt.com)

### Joint Elders and Youth Council Meeting

Elders sharing with Youth; Traditions, Work ethics, Food preparation. Next Meeting: **February 16 at 630 PM**

Contact: [debbiem@nautsamawt.com](mailto:debbiem@nautsamawt.com)



## Seed Library

Work is starting with a group of students from the UBC Food and Land Systems Program to develop the NmTC CFN Seed Library. Please reach out if you have any input/ideas or want to be involved in the planning process. Contact: [seannaj@nautsamawt.com](mailto:seannaj@nautsamawt.com)

## Funding Opportunities

### Food Processing Equipment or Training

Funds are available through United Way Food Infrastructure to acquire food processing equipment or training. If your Nation has not worked with Seanna Johnston on this project yet, here are examples of how your Nation can tap into this opportunity: canning equipment, vacuum sealer, food safe training, fridge or freezer, or workshops. Contact: [seannaj@nautsamawt.com](mailto:seannaj@nautsamawt.com) with your project idea.

### Marine Safety Equipment & Training

Transport Canada has a "Marine Safety Equipment and Training" Initiative (MSET) program to improve safety for Indigenous vessels and will provide funding for equipment and training to eligible Indigenous Communities to improve vessel safety and build an understanding of safety on the water. Each member Nation can access up to \$220,000. Contact: [ryanc@nautsamawt.com](mailto:ryanc@nautsamawt.com) for support with your proposal.

## Calendar of Events

### Finance Working Group

Budgeting workshop and information sharing. Next meeting: **February 22 at 130 PM**

Contact: [prabhn@nautsamawt.com](mailto:prabhn@nautsamawt.com)

### Community Food Network

Next meeting: **March 15 from 2-330 PM**

Contact: [seannaj@nautsamawt.org](mailto:seannaj@nautsamawt.org)

### 2023 BC Regional CCP Workshop, March 22-23

Every year, First Nations from across BC (and beyond!) come together to share lessons learned and best practices around Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP) in their communities. This year, NmTC is organizing the event which is being hosted at Stz'uminus First Nation. Join us for this in-community two-day workshop to learn more about how to make CCP work with your community.

To learn more, please visit [comprehensivecommunityplanning.org](https://comprehensivecommunityplanning.org)

Contact: [ccp@nautsamawt.com](mailto:ccp@nautsamawt.com)





## Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation (DRR-CA) Program

The DRR-CA Program is a funding stream (one of several) within the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund and is currently accepting applications for the February 24, 2023. Contact: [clintw@nautsamawt.com](mailto:clintw@nautsamawt.com) for support with your proposal.

## Garden Grant Program

The Garden Grant program provides a \$3,000 monetary grant to support a new or existing edible educational garden located at either a: K-12 school, or a non-profit organization that serves children in the K-12 range. Applications open February 1st, 2023. Deadline: March 1st, 2023. Contact: [seannaj@nautsamawt.com](mailto:seannaj@nautsamawt.com) for support with your proposal.

## Tools & Resources

### Housing Financial Viability Guide and the Section 95 Operating Agreement Expiry Guide:

<https://www.nautsamawt.org/housing-sustainability-project>

### Infrastructure Maintenance Management Toolkit:

<https://www.nautsamawt.org/infrastructure-maintenance-management-toolkit>

### Communications App

The Communications App is a mobile app that allows communities to send out urgent alerts, updates, events, resources, polls, and surveys directly to their members through their phones and mobile devices. Emergency communications features will be launched in the App this March. The Communications App is and will continue to be free for all NmTC member nations through NmTC's partnership with Hawk Solutions.

To learn more, please visit

[www.hawksolutions.net](http://www.hawksolutions.net)

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## Naut'sa mawt Resource Group CEO Update, Kelly Landry

Naut'sa mawt Resources Group is a corporation owned by Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council. In addition to owning Xyntax Systems, we operate Naut'sa mawt Event Management, Indigenous Marketing, Indigenous Proud, and manage projects and programs.

Naut'sa mawt Resources Group continues to develop relationships to move our business interests forward. For the last quarter of 2023, we have been developing and implementing policies and procedures with the CAO and working on budgets and financial processes with the CFO to ensure our operations are aligned with our values and provide us with the foundation to leverage our existing business activities into future opportunities.

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## Highlights for this reporting period

### Naut'sa mawt Event Management at IMPAC 5

The IMPAC5 Congress was hosted in Vancouver this February 3rd-9th by the International Marine Protected Areas Congress. Our Events team collaborated with our Marketing Department to design and develop the Indigenous Pavilion, a stunning display highlighting Indigenous accomplishments in ocean conservation and Coast Salish art and culture. Our events team was also responsible for the Indigenous full-day Caucus Meeting, and Indigenous lounge and networking space, and the Indigenous Banquet. Over 3000 local and international visitors attended.

### Pink Shirt Day

Naut'sa mawt Resources Group and WITS Foundation have partnered for the sale and production of Pink Shirts for Pink Shirt Day. All Member Nations have been offered complementary shirts, featuring the artwork of Koyah Morgan-Banke from Toquaht and Secwepemc First Nation. Proceeds from the sale of the shirts and hoodies will be distributed between WITS foundation and Naut'sa mawt.



## **Indigenous Wealth Conference, Vancouver**

NRG participated in the December Indigenous Wealth Conference, resulting in new opportunities for Xyntax Systems and Indigenous Marketing. Chief Gordon Planes, Chief of T'Sou-ke Nation and NRG Chair, spoke at the conference.

## **Open Call for Indigenous Artists**

We are currently holding Indigenous Art Contests for next years Pink Shirt, Orange Shirt, and Indigenous Peoples Day designs. For details, visit: <https://www.indigenous-proud.com/contests>

## **Indigenous Proud Clothing Label - Walmart Canada**

Our partnership with Mad Engine and relationship with Walmart Canada continues to grow. The Indigenous Proud label launched in Walmart on June 1st with two Indigenous Day designed featured on hoodies and t-shirts. Apparel in most locations sold out within the first week. Our Indigenous Proud Orange Shirt program also sold out with over 80-90% sell through. Because of this success, we are expanding our program in 2023.

